

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 14, 2023

The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III
U.S. Department of Defense
100 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Austin,

We write regarding the unidentified aerial phenomena that crossed the State of Michigan and was downed over Lake Huron on Sunday, February 12. We commend the actions taken by the Air Force and National Guard to safely down the object. We ask that Defense Department officials provide a classified briefing to our Michigan Congressional Delegation to ensure we have an accurate understanding of the events leading up to and after the downing of the object.

The object that was downed over the Great Lakes is the third such object that has been discovered and shot down in recent days. We know there are several questions regarding these objects, their origin, attributes, intent, and the threats they may pose to our nation. We hope to engage with you and officials in the Defense Department as soon as possible to gain a better understanding of these objects and the issues they may pose for Michigan's airspace and strategic assets and those of the nation.

Michigan is well-positioned to assist the Defense Department in protecting the United States from threats posed by foreign or rogue actors, and our Michigan Congressional Delegation stands ready to support. We look forward to receiving a classified briefing on this matter as soon as possible.

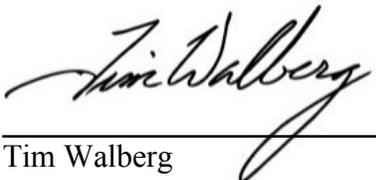
Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator



Gary C. Peters
United States Senator



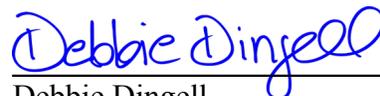
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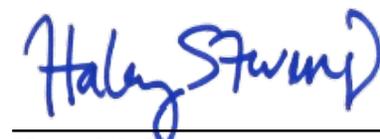
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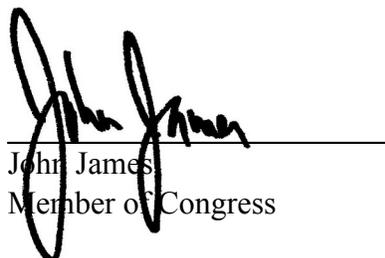
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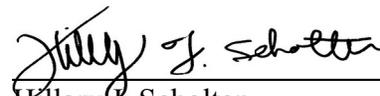
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Shri Thanedar
Member of Congress